

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

THE OHIO FORGERY MATTER IN THE HOUSE.

Senate Proceedings—Ways and Means Committee—Massachusetts—Democratic Senators in Caucus—Gossip.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Immediately after the reading of the journal in the House Mr. Butterworth (Ohio), rising to a question of privilege, offered the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas, On October 11, 1889, during the month of October, 1889, and at other times since that date, there have appeared in the Cincinnati Commercial, and in other public journals what purported to be an exact copy of a certain contract alleged to have been made and entered into by the several parties whose names are appended thereto,"

(Here followed a reproduction of the alleged ballot box contract.)

"Whereas, The persons whose names appear on said paper all except one were at the time of said publication and, except the Hon. S. S. Cox, deceased, are still in the United States and the Senate of the United States,"

"Whereas, Said contract so published as authentic and genuine was the basis for charges, suggestions and insinuations, and for the purpose of inducing Senators whose names appear on said alleged contract entered into an unlawful and corrupt contract and scheme to defraud the United States in the matter of the proposed purchase of certain ballot boxes, which charges are an insult upon the official integrity and reputation for honesty of each of said members of the Senate, and to induce them to act as members of Congress; therefore:

"Resolved, That a committee of five members of this House be appointed by the Speaker to make full and thorough investigation and report without delay the evidence, together with their findings thereon, to the House. Said committee, when appointed, shall ascertain and report: 1. By whom said alleged contract was prepared and whether the several signatures appended thereto are forged or genuine. 2. If forged, what person or persons, if any, were directly or indirectly aiding, abetting, assisting, or knowingly consenting to the preparation and uttering of said forgery, and for what purpose. 3. Whether any of the members whose names appear on said alleged contract had or have either directly or indirectly any unlawful, corrupt, or improper connection with or interest in the ballot boxes which are the subject of said alleged contract."

The resolution provides that the committee shall have authority to call for persons and papers, administer oaths, etc.

Mr. Butterworth spoke on the resolution explaining the published report.

Mr. Breckinridge of Kentucky, whose name is appended to the alleged contract, vigorously denied any knowledge thereof.

The resolution was adopted and the report of the committee on the Sillcock forgery was presented to the House. It gives a detailed statement of the assets and liabilities of the office on December 5. The shortage is stated at \$70,000.96. It states that the committee has not yet made sufficient investigation of the matter of discounts and notes forged to cover defalcations already existing. It also says that the committee has not yet severely condemned the manner in which the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted the affairs of his office. Mr. Payson offered a resolution continuing the committee in the matter of the Sillcock forgery, on which a long debate sprang up. A resolution was finally adopted extending the powers of the select committee so that it may report to the House of conclusions as to the effect of any deficiency of cash in the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Congressman Brower introduced a bill for the repeal of taxes on tobacco. A resolution was adopted for the general introduction of bills Monday and the House adjourned.

The Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—In the Senate Sherman introduced a bill for the passage of a national bankruptcy law. Senator Hoar introduced a resolution from the Massachusetts legislature petitioning the passage of the national bankruptcy law. Senator Ingalls moved that the Senate adjourn on the 19th it to be Jan. 6. The motion was passed over under the rules.

Senator Dolph introduced a resolution to erect in Washington a national hall to contain statues and portraits of great American statesmen, philosophers and poets. The Senate then went into executive session and shortly afterward adjourned till Monday.

Bills were introduced by Senator Butler providing for government aid for colored persons desiring to move from southern States, and by Mr. Davis to establish a new judicial circuit to include Minnesota and North and South Dakota.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS' CAUCUS.

Arrangements for Filling Vacancies on Committees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Democratic senators held a caucus after the adjournment of the Senate Thursday afternoon. The caucus committee of the last Congress was reappointed, with the exception of fill vacancies on the new committees created by the Senate and on the old committees which have been enlarged. The caucus committee consists of Beck, Cockrell, Harris, Ransom, Voorhees, Gorman, Jones (Arkansas) and Blackburn. It will hold a meeting Saturday and report to the caucus Monday.

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Exports of Cotton and Imports of Sugar.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The statement issued by the bureau of statistics of the treasury department shows that during November \$17,553,038 worth of cotton was exported, as against \$28,929,210 in November, 1888. The value of the minerals exported was \$1,194,196, against \$1,181,037. During the ten months ending Oct. 31 last, 375,140 immigrants arrived in this country being a decrease of 15,032 compared with the same period in 1888.

Nominations by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Cyrus J. Fry of South Dakota to be United States marshal for the district of South Dakota.

A large number of recess nominations, among the following, were also sent: Joel B. Edwards of New York to be collector of customs for the district of New York.

David W. McCung of Ohio, to be collector of customs for the first district of Ohio.

John D. Sloane of Minnesota, to be supervising inspector of steam vessels for the fifth district.

SILCOCK TO BE INDICTED.

The Forger Said to Have Been Seen in Canada.

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ROBERT BROWNING DEAD.

The Well-Known Poet Passes Away at Venice.

VENICE, Dec. 12.—Robert Browning, the poet, died at 10 o'clock Thursday night. His death was painless.

Robert Browning was born at Camberwell, Surrey, in 1812, and was educated at the University of London. At the age of 20 he went to Italy and during his residence there he diligently studied his history and became acquainted with the life of its people.

The first poem he published was "Pauline," in 1833, which was immediately followed by "Paracelsus," a dramatic poem. This work attracted but little attention; however, a few professed to see the evidence of a true original mind in it. In 1835 Mr. Browning published "Straford" which was also received with but little public favor. Between 1835 and 1846 he published a collection of poems under the title of "Bells and Pomegranates." Among these was a tragedy of striking poetical power, called "A Blot on the Scutcheon." Other poems followed in quick succession, but none of them added to his reputation. In 1846 Mr. Browning married Miss Elizabeth Barrett, the distinguished poetess, who died in 1861. In 1849 his collected poems were published in London and reprinted in the United States. From 1861 up to 1883 a large number of poems from his pen were given to the public. The honorary degree of "D. C. L." was conferred on him by the University of Oxford in 1882.

The Browning society, established in London, held its first meeting Oct. 28, 1881. The society was organized to gather together the poet's works and study and discuss them. The society also encourages and has succeeded in organizing a large number of Browning reading clubs in England and America.

Fresh Cholera Outbreak.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Reports of a fresh outbreak of cholera at Baghdad are confirmed. The district between the Tigris and Euphrates is affected. The disease always follows the river courses and there are great fears that 40,000 pilgrims to Kerbala on their return from up the Euphrates valley, will bring the pest to the city.

It is rumored that the Princess Margaret of Prussia is betrothed to the Prince of Naples, heir to the Italian crown.

The Sultan Honors Stanley.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 12.—The Sultan has treated Henry M. Stanley with marked attention and honor since his arrival here, and has ordered that honor be paid to each of Stanley's followers who returned to Zanzibar with him. Among these are his faithful Zanzibaris.

Brazil Requests Recognition.

LISBON, Dec. 12.—Senator Boycaura, the Brazilian minister of foreign affairs, has cabled to Senator H. Barro Gonses, the Portuguese minister of foreign affairs, a formal request that he shall have proclaimed the recognition of the Brazilian republic.

Stanley Receives Congratulations.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Queen Victoria has dispatched a telegram to Zanzibar congratulating Stanley and his followers on the successful accomplishment of their labors and expressing hopes of Emin Bey's speedy recovery from his injuries.

Condition of Emin Pasha.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 12.—Emin Pasha is unable to take solid food. He experiences great difficulty in swallowing and has almost constant paroxysms of coughing.

MR. MILLS WILL NOT SPEAK.

He Is Too Sick to Argue the Cronin Case.

Judge Longenecker Substituted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Luther Laflin Mills is still confined to his house and was not able to make the closing address for the State in the Cronin case. Judge Longenecker is addressing the jury in his stead. He began Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The case will go to the jury not later than Saturday morning.

Confesses He Is Cooney.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Milwaukee says that the man who was arrested in Dodgeville, Wis., on suspicion of being Cooney has confessed that he is "The Cox." He has given up the effort to shift about bringing him to Chicago. None of the police officers here have received any word in confirmation of this rumor, and they do not take any stock in the alleged confession.

REVOLVER AND SHOTGUN.

Used Promiscuously to Settle a Dispute Between Two Nebraska Families.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 12.—Joe and George Hess were crossing the farm near Fielding Hall, near Coonville, this morning, when Hall, accompanied by his wife, came out and ordered them off the premises. Joe Hess drew a revolver and shot at both of them without effect. Hall secured his shotgun, secured the aid of a friend, heavily armed, returned in search of Hall. All parties are desperate characters and more bloodshed is looked for.

POSSIBLE CLEW TO TOOT'S EXIT.

Certain Events Seem to Explain Why Express Cashier Took Departure.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 12.—The matter of the disappearance of Clarence J. Toot, the United States express cashier, was given a new phase to-day when the National City bank received notice from Washington that a package containing \$1,000 in mutilated currency had not reached the Treasury department. Toot received for the package the Saturday before his disappearance, and the books of the office show no record of it. The general impression now is that Toot has fled.

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Lost—December 10th—A checked horse blanket, between Milwaukee street and the brewery, on Main street. Return please leave at Gazette office.

Try our coffee; they are always fresh and the best that money will buy.

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Best and cheapest toilet and manure sets, cuff and collar boxes at Sutherland's bookstore.

Fine Malaga grapes, Florida oranges and California pears at Grubb Bros.

Ladies' fine pocket books, purses and card cases. Call and see them at Sutherland's bookstore.

Our choice Michigan apples at Grubb Bros., \$2.75 per barrel.

Gents' bill books, pocket books and diaries for 1890 at Sutherland's bookstore.

WANTED—50 intelligent men; from three months to one year; salary \$50 to \$75 per month. Apply to E. W. Goodsell, general agent, 118 Park street, Janesville, Wis.

See (holiday display at Stearns & Baker's).

New cream, sugar and brick cheese at Grubb Bros.

Call early at Sutherland's bookstore and we will be able to give you the better attention.

Rogers' statutory at Wheelock's. "Pricilla and John Alden," "Chickens at the Farm," "First Ride," "Parting Promise," also "Nubian's" "Scotch Boy and Girl," etc.

Huyey's Pectoral Mucilage, 35 cents, at Stearns & Baker's.

For RENT—A front room at 104 Park street facing the court house contain on south. Inquire on the premises.

A nice line of slippers for the holidays. Call and see. M. SAMUELS.

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For Sale.

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Underwear, hosiery and gloves at astonishing low prices at Burns & Boland's.

NOTICE TO FARMERS—You will find our stock of wool bales and overs complete, and our prices will be as heretofore, always the lowest.

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Money to loan by D. Conger.

BRIEFLETS.

—Congregational supper and sale to-night.

—"Cream" cheese a specialty at Fred Vankirk's.

—Christmas gifts at the ladies sale this evening.

—Don't fail to hear the Balmoral Choir to-morrow evening.

—Fred Vankirk's tea prizes are "winners." Go and get one.

—The Balmoral Choir at the Congregational church to-morrow evening.

—A complete line of fruits, nuts, candies, etc., cheap at Fred Vankirk's.

—A dog fight drew a small audience on East Milwaukee street this noon.

—The Ladies' sale and supper this evening at the Congregational church.

—Supper early and late for 25c, at the Congregational church this evening.

—Fancy "Albany duckweed" flour and a pure maple syrup, at Fred Vankirk's.

—The big boiler at Thoroughgood's box factory is being put in position to-day.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Foster, of Milwaukee, are in the city visiting old time friends.

—The Fortnightly Club meets to-night with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Nolas, 202 Prospect avenue.

—The Catholic Literary Society meets next Monday evening, December 16th, at Columbia Hall.

—Miss Maude Grene and Miss Mary Hagar left this noon for Chicago to hear Patti this evening.

—The funeral of the late General David Atwood will be held in Madison to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock.

—A. F. Hall & Co., "the reliable jewellers," would call special attention to their fine line of silk umbrellas.

—W. H. Sargent Post No. 20, G. A. R., assemble in regular semi-monthly meeting this evening at Post hall.

—The next N. O. W. club party will be given Tuesday evening, December 17th. A full attendance is requested.

—Mr. Larry McCona leaves for Chicago to-night. He expects to hear Patti at the new auditorium to-morrow evening.

—Mr. C. B. Wyler, formerly of this city, but now of Milwaukee, is in town to-day. He was registered at the Park Hotel.

—Contribute to the funds of the city hospital by purchasing a ticket for the Balmoral Choir concert to-morrow evening.

—W. C. Raynor is making a needed improvement in the shape of a new sidewalk in front of his property on North Main street.

—Mr. H. Buchholz is taking an extended trip through the northern part of the state in the interest of the firm of H. Buchholz & Co.

—The weather bureau predicts a cold wave and a considerable fall in temperature. Below zero weather is reported from the far northwest.

—Mr. W. J. Jeffery, the traveling freight agent of the Illinois Central railroad, was in the city yesterday. He stopped at the Windsor.

—People looking for Xmas presents will find many things of interest to them at the Young People's sale at Columbia Hall, December 18th, 1899.

—Workmen began putting on the iron roof of the Thoroughgood building this morning. The Kimball Hardware Company are doing the work.

—A. F. Hall & Co., "the reliable jewellers," can give you low prices on gold and silver chains, and other new goods with which they are loaded.

—The object of the concert is a noble one, and the entertainment one of a lifetime. Don't fail to attend at the Congregational church to-morrow evening.

—Sunday evening, Rev. Charles P. Elliott, pastor of the All Souls church, will preach at the M. E. church, Milton, His subject will be "The Progress in Religion."

—The Christmas sale and supper of the Young People's Working Society of the First M. E. church will be held at Columbia hall, Wednesday evening December 18th.

—Several scholars from the High school expect to go down to Beloit to witness the foot-ball game between Beloit college and Madison University Clubs.

—People's Lodge No. 460, Independent Order of Good Templars, assemble in regular weekly meeting this evening in lodge room in the Court Street M. E. church block.

—Mr. S. A. Bradley, of Unity, Wis., is in the city, the guest of Alderman John Thoroughgood. Mr. Bradley is largely engaged in the lumber business of Unity.

—Notices have been posted around town informing the public that Sheriff Babcock will sell the grocery stock of A. A. Coburn at auction, Thursday, Jan. 24, at 10 o'clock a. m.

—The celebrated "Bannan" hams and breakfast bacon, only at Fred Vankirk's.

—The Young People's Working Society of the First M. E. church have made arrangements to have their Christmas sale and supper at Columbia hall, Wednesday evening Dec. 18, 1899.

—With an assessed valuation of \$3,252,920 the city of Fond du Lac is called upon to raise the sum of \$97,568.60 for municipal, state and county purposes, the rate of taxation being 3 per cent.

—Don't fail to attend the supper and sale at the parlors of the Congregational church to-night. Many fancy articles will be offered suitable for Christmas presents. Supper from 5 to 8 o'clock.

—The Royal Temperance Legion will meet in regular weekly rally Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, in the Good Templars hall, Court Street M. E. church block. All the boys and girls in the city are cordially invited to attend and join the Legion.

—A farmer was in the city yesterday who reported that on his way to the city in the morning he counted thirteen teams at work plowing on as many different farms. This is rather an unusual sight in this latitude, in the middle of December.

—The Beloit Free Press—John Powers, mayor, in fact the "Poo-Bah," of Affton, visited this great city to-day, exchanged greetings with the cup that brings no good to any one, and finally paid \$5 and costs into the city treasury on the charge of being drunk.

—The most distinguished choir of the present day sings in Chicago this evening, Janesville to-morrow evening in the

Congregational church, and then they go to Milwaukee. Every lover of music should make a point to hear the m. Admission 50 cents; children under twelve half price.

—Mr. J. W. R. Binns, the advance manager of the Balmoral Choir, Glasgow, Scotland, is in the city completing the details for the appearance of his company of vocalist to-morrow evening at the Congregational church. He is a guest of Mr. Alex. Galbraith, secretary of the Block County Caledonian Society.

—The "chop" who turned in a false alarm of fire on Thursday morning from box 46, and the same Alex who broke the glass in the key box immediately after, will save themselves a little trouble and costs by "walking right up to the captain's office and settling." There was too many in the gang, and it was an easy matter to follow up the crowd and place the guilt.

—The Wisconsin Tobacco Leaf is a very handsome weekly paper published in this city by Mr. J. F. Willey, the first number being issued to-day. The paper is a six column quarto, devoted to the local tobacco interest. Its columns are well filled with matters relating to tobacco, and miscellaneous reading. The paper is printed at the job office of Garrett Veeder, at \$1.50 a year.

—A. F. Hall & Co., "the reliable jewellers," are in the field again with a holiday stock of large proportions and elegant designs. This store has been before the people for one-third of a century, and is better prepared than ever to meet the wants of the most fastidious. Their reputation for square dealing is well established, and a call from the public is respectfully solicited.

—On Saturday evening of this week the Grand Army Boys will hold another of their socials, and an invitation is extended to all to attend. Dancing will be the order of the evening, and to those who wish to spend a pleasant hour or so in dancing, we advise them to go to the Post hall where the Grand Army Boys will be their best to make it pleasant for them, and judging by the past parties, they know just how to do it.

—Miss Amelia B. Edwards will publish a very striking article in the January Century, in which is given the first popular description of the recent extraordinary discoveries in Babusia, Egypt. It is stated that all the monuments produced in this number are now published for the first time. One of the stones of these ruins is almost sixty-one centuries old. Babusia, as old as the world itself, was considered as passing away when Olympia rose.

—Good barbers and saloonkeepers ought not to open their stores on Sunday, merely because wicked rivals on the opposite corner do so inflicting the law. They ought rather to close all the tighter on that account and thereby set their erring brethren a good example.

—Sunday newspapers are among other items protested against; the pages of these latter are allotted to as filled with trash.

—The world-famed Balmoral Choir will give one of their select entertainments to-morrow evening at the Congregational church, under the auspices of the Block County Caledonian Society. The net proceeds of this entertainment will be donated to the city hospital fund. With no doubt the Balmoral Choir is by far the best company of singers that have ever visited America. They should have a full house. Speaking of the choir, the Toronto Globe of Dec. 6th, 1899, says: "The Caledonian Society and its friends had a regular feast of Scotch song last night at the pavilion. The high reputation which had preceded the Balmoral Choir of Glasgow to this city had drawn a large audience, every seat in the hall being occupied, and every one who went was fully charged with the enthusiasm which always comes upon them when Scotchmen are gathered together. Chorus singing together has enabled them to reach a degree of excellence in ensemble singing that is rare as it is pleasing. In rhythmic precision the singing of the choir is perfect, and the melody and shading and artistic phrasing was plentifully evident. Liberal efforts of expression and characteristic phrasing appealed to the national feeling of the audience, and as before mentioned, entire were accorded to nearly every number. Mr. J. Patrick's readings were much enjoyed by the audience, being delivered with a rich, unctious humor, and were both endorsed."

—The annual meeting of the members of Janesville City Hospital Association will be held at the rooms of the Associated Charities, on Friday evening next, Dec. 13, at half past seven o'clock, to hear reports for last year, and for the election of officers and directors for the ensuing year. It is hoped every member will be present.

—S. B. SMITH, President.

E. B. HEMSTREET, Secretary.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will sell round trip excursion tickets for the Christmas and New Year holidays, to points within a distance of 200 miles, at one full fare and a third for the round trip. Sell December 24th, 25th, 31st, 1899, and January 1st, 1899, good to return until and including January 3rd, 1899.

POLICE! POLICE! Compare the genuine Douglas police shoes with some of the imitations on the market and convince yourself which is the best. All we ask is a trial and we will leave the decision with you.

BROWN BROS., Agents.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

I have seen, new house and six acres of land on corner of Milton Avenue and Elide street. In fine shape to sell in acre or half acre. Lots D. CONGER.

SUNDAY CLOSING LEAGUE.

A New State Organization Formed in Milwaukee.

OBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE.

Auxiliaries to be Formed in Every County in the State of Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Civil Sunday Association, a league recently formed in Milwaukee, is making preparations for a thorough organization throughout the state. The object of this league is to enforce the Sunday laws of the state. The constitution reads as follows:

I. The organization shall be known as the Wisconsin Civil Sunday Association.

II. Its object shall be to create and maintain public sentiment in favor of a civil Sunday in conformity with the laws of Wisconsin.

III. The officers of the association shall consist of a president and one vice president in each congressional district together with a corresponding secretary, recording secretary and treasurer, who shall be chosen at the regular annual meeting.

IV. Any person can become an associate member of the organization by assenting to the constitution and handing his or her name to the secretary. Any person by like assent can become an active member by the payment of \$1 annually to its treasury.

V. The president shall be empowered to appoint in every county in the state a county secretary, who, together with the vice-president of the district, shall attend to securing statistics, calling and arranging for public meetings and co-operating with the state Sunday Association throughout the state.

VI. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of December, at which time the state officers in furthering the interests of a civil Sunday shall be elected.

The objects of this association are to close all saloons, stop railroads, newspapers, barber, street car and any other business not necessary in the minds of ministers.

It is claimed that there exists no material necessity for Sunday work, and that all such work is a burdensome superfluity, which ought to be immediately lifted from the backs of some 2,000,000 Wisconsin toilers now perspiring beneath it; that one day's rest in seven is absolutely essential to a proper well-being of the human frame.

Good barbers and saloonkeepers ought not to open their stores on Sunday, merely because wicked rivals on the opposite corner do so inflicting the law. They ought rather to close all the tighter on that account and thereby set their erring brethren a good example.

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CIRCUIT COURT.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS PROCEEDED BEFORE JUDGE BENNETT.

Yesterday afternoon a motion was made to set the verdict aside and for a new trial in the action of L. K. Krasne against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Co. The motion was overruled.

Further testimony was taken in the action of John Copley against Thomas W. Clark defendant, the Bank of Edgerton garnishee.

This morning judgment was entered against Charles F. Lenthain and Thaddeus Van Valen as garnishees of S. W. Gould, in favor of John Hattson.

Judgment of foreclosure was entered in the action of James Caldwell against Kate Jenkins and others.

HIGH SCHOOL RHETORICALS.

THE PROGRAMME PRESENTED THIS AFTERNOON.

The following programme was rendered at the high school this afternoon: PROGRAMME.

1. Music—Piano Solo—Jessie Zeigler.

2. Recitation—"Ante Doleful's Visit"—Nancy Harper.

3. Recitation—"The World's Greatest Thing"—George Peterson.

4. Declaration—"What is Life without Aspiration?"—Wanda Gagan.

5. Reading—"An Invitation into the Camp"—Annie Little.

6. Recitation—"Barbara Franchise"—Lizzie Little.

7. Declaration—"The Retort"—Charles Silver.

8. Reading—"Facts Concerning Jay Gould"—George Wright.

9. Declaration—"Woman of the Future"—Jessie Zeigler.

10. Essay—"Fire Proof Building"—Ella Brown.

11. Declaration—"Green Mountain Boys"—Ella Brown.

12. Reading—"Mind the Glory of Man"—Oscar Bucklin.

13. Essay—"Campfire"—Lizzie Little.

14. Declaration—"Duty of American Citizens"—Ella Brown.

15. Recitation—"Meeting of Douglas and Garrison"—Dolly Best.

16. Essay—"Slavery"—Lionel Benton.

17. Declaration—"The Future of the World"—Gladys McGuire.

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THE REV. DR. HODGE.

HIS PAPER READ BEFORE THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Last evening's Madison Journal contains the following: In the state Sunday school convention, yesterday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Hodge, of Janesville, read a paper on Teaching the Doctrine of the Word. Mr. Hodge took issue with Mr. Beecher who claimed that doctrines are the dried skins of truth—that the divine teachings are in the forms of propositions; that man is an organization and truth to be taught him must move his affections. In order that he may have such an effect and that he may love truth, it must come to him in an organizing form. The very essence of the new testament of man as a sinner, and Christ as a Savior, of repenting of sin and going to Christ for salvation, all these make up the doctrine and consequently the teaching of doctrines cannot be avoided in the Sunday school.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Edison receives about a thousand letters a day.

Mrs. Oliphant, the authoress, is 61 years of age.

Belva Lockwood calls President Harrison her old opponent.

Sir Mortimer Granville contemplates making a lecture tour of this country.

Henrik Ibsen, the Norwegian playwright, pronounces his last name "Eysen."

The newspapers of Italy are raising subscriptions to erect a monument to Columbus on American soil.

The "Golden Rule" is the title of the series of papers which Dr. Holmes is preparing for next year's Atlantic Monthly.

Clara Louise Kellogg, just returned from Europe, is now so stout that, it is said, she will never again be seen on the stage.

Bismarck, in consequence of recent illness, has lost the few hairs that were on the top of his skull, which is now as smooth as a billiard ball.

The largest house in the cabinet circle in Washington is occupied by Secretary Proctor. It contains about thirty rooms and rents for \$4,500.

Modesty takes a cold bath in the morning and a hot one before going to bed—one of the bright, the other to make her sleep, and both for health.

Paul Blount (Max O'Rell) leaves England for this country on Christmas day. He comes to deliver 120 lectures and is guaranteed \$30,000 for his trouble.

Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, the popular story writer of a generation ago, is living in Milton, Mass. She is a daughter of Enoch Train, an old ship owner of Boston.

The Kansas State Historical society at Topeka has just received a gift of a plaster cast of the face of John Brown, presented by a lady who lives in Massachusetts.

Capt. Andrew Haggard, brother of Rider Haggard, is about to publish his first novel. It is called "Dodo and I," and is said to contain some vivid descriptions of stirring scenes in the last Abyssinian war.

Mrs. Fursch-Madl has appeared at the Lamoureux concert in Paris with great success. She is now singing Berlin and will probably appear in New York in the oratorio of "Messiah" in December.

Mr. Barthold will execute the statue of Gambetta which is to be erected at Les Jambes, ville d'Avray. The statue stands in his room is composed of bright colored military tunics seen to a background of more somber hues; a drum from the campaign of 1870, another from the campaign of 1871, and a sword from the campaign of 1872, are placed behind the prince's chair hands of his grandfather, the King of Prussia.

Miss Margaret Emma Ditto, the author of "One Little Infant" and other popular stories, lives in a home that she built herself at Wellesley, Mass. It is out from the village center on a retired road near a large body of water, and is a gray color, very high, with a gabled roof. The house was planned by Miss Ditto, and is so arranged that the rooms down stairs can be reached by a single flight of steps, and the stairs are of a kind of wood and a soft and extremely pleasant voice.

JUVENILIA.

A little 4-year-old St. Paul girl the other day shocked her Sunday-school teacher in responding to a question.

Aunt to Freddy, who is visiting here, "Freddy, I have some good cake!" Freddy: "Course I will, Auntie! I don't feel a bit sick, yet."

First boy: "I hear you ran off to the circus yesterday. Did you enjoy yourself?" Second boy: "